

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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‘what I have read in the report is a cause of great sadness’

So writes Bishop Deenihan in response to the report of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes, two of which were in Dunboyne and Castlepollard, in our Diocese.

‘...the lack of kindness and compassion, as identified by the Commission is...clear. When the Church, State and society lose respect for the individual and forget that we are made in the image and likeness of God, dignity is forgotten and human life is not valued. ...I have met with individuals who...have been unfairly burdened with an unwarranted but enduring sense of shame...we have an obligation to do what we can to lift this burden.’

The full statement is available in the porches of the churches, and [HERE](#).

No public Masses for the foreseeable future

I continue to join Fr Timothy for Sunday Mass, on YouTube, in Lobinstown. I will offer Mass each day along with the Mass on RTÉ News Now, at 10.30am, for booked Masses, as below. On other days, Mass will be offered for your intentions.

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| Monday | 10.30am | Mary Finnegan, Gernonstown (2nd Anniversary) |
| Friday | 10.30am | Maeve Keeley, Grangegeeth (Month's Memory) |

Prayer for Christian Unity

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Monday 18th January.

The theme chosen is '**Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit**' (John15: 1- 17).

It was chosen to express the Christian Community's vocation to pray and work for reconciliation and unity within the church, our human family and all of creation. It is very necessary as we are divided by circumstances, but united in Christ. We pray for a peaceful change of administration in the U.S. during this week.

COVID-19 seems to be more prevalent and contagious in this third wave, so please cooperate with the guidelines, pray for safety and act in a safe way.

Pray for all on the front line, those making and implementing important decisions and those administering the vaccines.

Jesus asks a significant question of his early followers in today's Gospel. '**What do you want?**'

How would I answer that question?

LMFM Mass, next Sunday morning, will be from **Rushwee** church.

ONLINE DONATIONS

Online donations can now be made to parish and diocesan collections via the Diocesan website [HERE](#)

Please read the note from the Bishop, attached below.

Note from the Bishop:

There is now a live online donation facility via the Diocese of Meath website (www.dioceseofmeath.ie) which will allow individuals to donate either directly to their Parish of their choice or to one of the central Diocesan funds. There are two electronic 'Donate Buttons' on the front page of the website. The first button is called 'Parish Collections'. This button allows you to donate to any of our 69 Parishes to the Weekly Collection or the Clergy Collection. This money is credited to the central Diocesan bank account and at the end of each month any monies collected will be directly transferred to the relevant local parish bank account by the Diocesan financial officer. The second button is called 'Diocesan Collections'. This allows a donor to donate to the central Diocesan fund, the fund for Sick and Retired Priests or the fund for the Education of Students for Priesthood.